



Cruise into Kindergarten Storytime Outline



Basic Info (date, branch, age range, time, title or theme, if applicable):

All About Birds

READ:

Basil's Birds by Lynn Rowe Reed

Nest by Jorley Hurley

Chicks Run Wild! by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen

TALK:

Discuss the hatching sequence of birds. Then get pictures of a bird (chick) hatching, laminate them, and have the children try to put them in order. Put the correct sequence numbers on the back so that they can check and make sure that they are correct.

[Pictures of Egg Hatching](#)

PLAY:

One child is chosen to be the baby bird. The mother needs a worm. (spaghetti) Have a baby bird move quietly around the room and find a spot to roost. The baby bird must tweet to tell the mother where it is. Once the mother finds the baby she can give it the spaghetti worm!

SING:

Two children sit in center of circle. We all sing:

"Two little blackbirds sitting on a wall, one named _____(child's name), the other named _____(child's name).

Fly away _____, (child flies around room), fly away _____ (other child flies). Come back _____ (child goes to his/her place in circle), Come back _____.

Song: Baby Chickie by Hap Palmer

WRITE:

Make designs on black paper with wet spaghetti worms!

Early Literacy Tip: Writing and reading go together! Both are ways to represent spoken words and to communicate information. Writing doesn't always have to be **writing** — it can be tracing in sand, playing with clay or play dough, or crinkling up newspaper to help strengthen finger muscles! All of these activities help develop the fine motor skills needed for writing.